

LISTING OF CLAIMS

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6. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a water soluble tablet coating which comprises the steps of:
 - (a) applying a water-soluble film forming polymer in liquid form to a tablet surface, the film forming polymer comprising one or more monomers selected from the group consisting of: acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, itaconic acid, and hydroxyalkyl(meth)acrylic acid, maleic acid, alkyl (meth)acrylates, hydroxyalkyl(meth)acrylates and styrene and having acidic functional groups and a degree of neutralization ranging from 30 to 100 weight percent, based on the weight of polymer, wherein the acidic functional groups are neutralized with a secondary amine, and including at least one film modifying agent selected from the group consisting of: triethyl citrate, polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, esters of polyalkylene glycols, polyalkylene glycol adducts, fatty alcohols, alkyl phenols, trimethylol propane, neopentyl glycol, hexane diol, alkyl lactates, ethyl lactate, alkyl citrates, alkyl gluconates and combinations thereof; and
 - (b) drying the film to form a protective film coating around the tablet, wherein the film forming polymer formulation comprises consists essentially of at least one water soluble, film-forming polymer having acidic functional groups and a degree

of neutralization ranging from 30 to 100 weight percent, based on the weight of polymer and at least one film modifying agent.

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8. (Original) Process according to claim 6 wherein an excess of neutralizing base is required for water soluble polymers used to coat effervescent tablets.
9. (Previously presented) Process according to claim 6 wherein the film modifying agent is selected from the group consisting of a plasticizer, a coalescent, a dispersant and combinations thereof.
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11. (New) The process of claim 9 in which the film modifying agent is a trialkyl citrate or a polyalkylene glycol adduct.
12. (New) The process of claim 11 in which the film modifying agent is triethyl citrate or a polyethylene glycol adduct of a C₁₃-C₁₅ alkyl group.
13. (New) The process of claim 12 in which the polyethylene glycol adduct contains about seven moles of ethylene oxide units.